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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A USER-SELECTED HEALTHCARE SERVICES PACKAGE AND
HEALTHCARE SERVICES PANEL CUSTOMIZED BASED ON A USER'S SELECTIONS

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

RACHEL L. PORTER

Applicant(s)

WIZIG, LEWIS HOWARD

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/14/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 53,71-73,77,95-97,101 and 119-121.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Robert Morgan/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3626

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The IDS's filed on 3/25/04 and 2/23/05 have been entered and considered by the Examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dan Sheridan, Reg. No. 53, 585 on May 6, 2010 and May 10, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

[claim 53] **(Currently Amended)** A computer-system implemented method for providing a user with a customized healthcare services insurance package, comprising:

- receiving a personal information data regarding a user, wherein the personal information data comprises a user identifier and an uncredited umbrella policy cost;

- forwarding information regarding a plurality of healthcare service providers wherein each healthcare service provider is associated with an individual cost and an umbrella policy credit;
- receiving a selection of a healthcare services panel comprising a user-defined co-pay amount selected from a provider co-pay range and at least one of the healthcare service providers;
- aggregating the costs of healthcare service providers on the healthcare services panel;
- aggregating the umbrella policy credits of each healthcare service provider on the healthcare services panel;
- using said computer system to calculate a difference between the uncredited umbrella policy cost and the aggregated amount of umbrella policy credits, wherein the difference represents a credited umbrella policy cost; and
- determining the healthcare services insurance package based on a sum of the aggregated costs and the credited umbrella policy cost; and
- forwarding a description of the determined healthcare services insurance package, said description including a proposed periodic payment for purchasing said determined healthcare services insurance package.

[claim 71] **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 53, wherein each healthcare service provider is associated with an individual cost and an umbrella policy credit and the personal information data further comprises an uncredited umbrella policy cost and

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an identification of a plurality of individuals to be associated with the healthcare services insurance package

and wherein determining the healthcare services package further comprises:

- aggregating the individual costs of each healthcare service provider on the healthcare services panel of each of the plurality of individuals;
- aggregating the umbrella policy credits of each healthcare service provider on the healthcare services panel of each of the plurality of individuals;
- calculating a difference between the uncredited umbrella policy cost and the aggregated amount of umbrella policy credits, wherein the difference represents a credited umbrella policy cost; and
- determining the healthcare services insurance package based on a sum of the aggregated costs and the credited umbrella policy cost.

[claim 77] **(Currently Amended)** A computerized system for providing a user with a customized healthcare services insurance package, comprising:

- a memory device; and
- a processor disposed in communication with said memory device, said processor configured for:
 - receiving a personal information data regarding a user, wherein the personal information data comprises a user identifier and an uncredited umbrella policy cost;

- forwarding information regarding a plurality of healthcare service providers, wherein each healthcare service provider is associated with an individual cost and an umbrella policy credit;
- receiving a selection of a healthcare services panel comprising a user-defined co-pay amount selected from a provider co-pay range and at least one of the healthcare service providers;
- aggregating the costs of healthcare service providers on the healthcare services panel;
- aggregating the umbrella policy credits of each healthcare service provider on the healthcare services panel;
- calculating a difference between the uncredited umbrella policy cost and the aggregated amount of umbrella policy credits, wherein the difference represents a credited umbrella policy cost; and
- determining the healthcare services insurance package based on a sum of the aggregated costs and the credited umbrella policy cost; and
- forwarding a description of the determined healthcare services insurance package, said description including a proposed periodic payment for purchasing said determined healthcare services insurance package.

[claim 95] (Currently Amended) The system of claim 77, wherein each healthcare service provider is associated with an individual cost and an umbrella policy credit and the personal information data further comprises an uncredited umbrella policy cost and

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an identification of a plurality of individuals to be associated with the healthcare services insurance package, and wherein determining the healthcare services package further comprises:

- aggregating the individual costs of each healthcare service provider on the healthcare services panel of each of the plurality of individuals;
- aggregating the umbrella policy credits of each healthcare service provider on the healthcare services panel of each of the plurality of individuals;
- calculating a difference between the uncredited umbrella policy cost and the aggregated amount of umbrella policy credits, wherein the difference represents a credited umbrella policy cost; and
- determining the healthcare services insurance package based on a sum of the aggregated costs and the credited umbrella policy cost.

[claim 101] (Currently Amended) A processor -readable medium storing processor readable instructions for providing a user with a customized healthcare services insurance package, comprising:

- processor readable instructions are issuable by a processor for:
 - receiving a personal information data regarding a user, wherein the personal information data comprises a user identifier and an uncredited umbrella policy cost;

- forwarding information regarding a plurality of healthcare service providers, wherein each healthcare service provider is associated with an individual cost and an umbrella policy credit;
- receiving a selection of a healthcare services panel comprising a user-defined co-pay amount selected from a provider co-pay range and at least one of the healthcare service providers;
- aggregating the costs of healthcare service providers on the healthcare services panel;
- aggregating the umbrella policy credits of each healthcare service provider on the healthcare services panel;
- calculating a difference between the uncredited umbrella policy cost and the aggregated amount of umbrella policy credits, wherein the difference represents a credited umbrella policy cost; and
- determining the healthcare services insurance package based on a sum of the aggregated costs and the credited umbrella policy cost; and
- forwarding a description of the determined healthcare services insurance package, said description including a proposed periodic payment for purchasing said determined healthcare services insurance package.

[claim 119] (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 101 wherein each healthcare service provider is associated with an individual cost and an umbrella policy credit and the personal information data further comprises an uncredited umbrella policy cost and

an identification of a plurality of individuals to be associated with the healthcare services insurance package, and further comprising:

- aggregating the individual costs of each healthcare service provider on the healthcare services panel of each of the plurality of individuals;
- aggregating the umbrella policy credits of each healthcare service provider on the healthcare services panel of each of the plurality of individuals;
- calculating a difference between the uncredited umbrella policy cost and the aggregated amount of umbrella policy credits, wherein the difference represents a credited umbrella policy cost; and
- determining the healthcare services insurance package based on a sum of the aggregated costs and the credited umbrella policy cost.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 53,71-73,77,95-97,101 and 119-121 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 53, 77, and 101 are directed toward determining a healthcare services insurance package. A user selects a financial parameter, one or more health care services, and one or more healthcare service providers. Each healthcare provider is associated with an individual cost and an umbrella policy credit, and the user is associated with uncredited umbrella policy cost. To determine the cost of the healthcare services package, a computer system calculates the difference between the uncredited umbrella policy cost and the aggregated umbrella credits associated with the

user's selected healthcare service provider(s). This difference is the credited umbrella policy cost. The cost of the healthcare service package is then calculated based on the sum of the individual costs for each healthcare service provider and the credited umbrella policy cost.

The closest prior art of record, Tawil (USPN 5,519,607), Campbell and Joao teach selecting healthcare services and healthcare service providers that are associated with certain insurance policy costs and individual costs, but does not disclose or fairly suggest the use of umbrella policies or an uncredited umbrella policy cost. More specifically, the prior art of record does not disclose that determining a healthcare service package includes the combination of: 1) using a computer system to aggregate the umbrella policy credits for each user selected healthcare provider; 2) using a computer system to calculate a credited umbrella policy cost (the difference between the uncredited umbrella policy cost and the aggregated umbrella credits); and 3) summing the credited umbrella policy cost and the aggregated individual cost to determine the healthcare services package.

Claims 71-73, 95-97, and 119-121 incorporate the features of their respective independent claims through dependency, and are also allowed for the same reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- O'Hara, Colleen; ("Comparison shop for health plans online," *Federal Computer Week*; Mar 22, 1999; vol. 13, no. 7; pg. 27) discloses a method of allowing employees to comparison shop for healthcare plans.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RACHEL L. PORTER whose telephone number is (571)272-6775. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 10-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry O'Connor can be reached on (571) 272-6787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3626

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